(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस जिले में कोई सघन योजना प्रारम्भ की गई है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो कब से, और

(घ) यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय (ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तमभाई पटेल) : (क) से (घ) गहन जवाहर रोजगार योजना बिहार के 23 जिलों सहित देश के केवल 120 चुने गये पिछड़े जिलों में कार्यान्वित की जा रही है जिनका चयन अनुसूचित जाति/जनजाति को 50% तरजीह और प्रति व्यक्ति कृषि श्रम उत्पादकता को 50% तरजीह देते हुए किया गया है, तथापि, वे जिले जिनमें अधिकांश खण्डों को सूखा ग्रस्त क्षेत्र कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत कवर किया गया है, शामिल किए गए हैं और वाणिज्यिक और औद्योगिक रूप से विकसित जिलों को विशेष रूप से शामिल नहीं किया गया है। उपरोक्त मानदण्डों के आधार पर, बांका जिला 120 पिछड़े जिलों की सूची में नहीं आता है।

Voluntary organisations involved in Third Stream of JRY

2702. SHRI K. M. KHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 439 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th December, 1994 and state :

(a) whether any voluntary organisations have been involved in the projects; and

(b) and if so, the names of such organisations with role of each one ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under IIIrd Stream of Jawahar Rojgar Yojana (JRY), introduced during 1993-94, such innovative and special projects can be taken up for implementation which are aimed at prevention of migration of labour, enhancing women's employment, special programmes through voluntary organisations aimed at drought proofing as well as watershed development/waste lands development etc. resulting in sustained employment. As in case of other Rural Employment Programmes, the participation of people/organisations on Voluntary basis is encouraged under these special & innovative projects under JRY IIIrd stream. Since the inception of JRY IIIrd stream, the Ministry has also approved the projects under this scheme which are to be entirely implemented by NGO/voluntary organisations. In the state of Gujarat the Ministry has approved 2 projects which are to be implemented by the NGO's. The first project is "Water Resources Development in Savarkundla Taluka of Bhavanagar district" to be implemented by Shri Kundla Taluka Gram Seva Mandal, Savarkundla Taluka, district Bhavanagar. The total project cost is Rs. 296.30 lakhs out of which Rs. 241.18 lakhs are to be provided by Ministry of Rural Development and rest by the NGO. The Ministry has released Rs. 58.59 lakhs as Ist instalment of its share to the NGO for this project. The IInd project approved is "Water Resources Development in the tribal area of Panchmahal" to be implemented by N.M. Sadguru Water and Development Foundation, Dahod, at a total cost of Rs. 471.90 lakhs out of which Rs. 141.57 lakhs are to be provided by the NGO and rest by the Ministry of Rural Development. The Ministry has released Rs. 110.11 lakhs as Ist instalment of its share for implementing this project.

Converting waste-lands into cultivable areas

2703. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY ; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state ;

(a) what steps Government have taken in converting the vast wastelands into cultivable areas;

(b) whether there are any specific guidelines or terms issued by the Centre to the States for achieving this;

(c) the total wasteland reclaimed with the establishment of National Wastelands Development Board since 1985; and

(d) the total employment opportunities created for the rural youth ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH) : (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.